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TITLE OF INVENTION: LABEL PRINTER DOT LINE REGISTRATION ASSEMBLY

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/683,715	MILTON, SCOTT C.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	K. Feggins	2861

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 12/22/03.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-31.
3. The drawings filed on 06 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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 of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for allowance of claims 1-3, 6-11 is the inclusion of the limitations of a label printer that includes a registration face attached to the print head, wherein the registration face is engageable with the registration device to maintain registration between the print head and the registration device so as to substantially prevent the print head from moving both axially and transversely with respect to an axis of rotation of the registration device. It is these limitations found in each of the claims, as they are claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for allowance of claims 4-5 is the inclusion of the limitations of a label printer that includes a registration face attached to the print head, wherein the registration face is engageable with the registration device to maintain registration between the print head and the registration device; and the registration face is attached to the print head that includes a notch and the platen roller includes a shaft portion having a groove and the registration face notch is engageable with the platen roller shaft groove. It is these limitations found in each of the claims, as they are claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for allowance of claims 12,15-18 is the inclusion of the limitations of a label printer that includes a registration face attached to the print head, wherein the registration face is engageable with the registration roller to maintain dot

line registration between the thermal print head and the registration roller so as to substantially prevent the print head from moving both axially and transversely with respect to an axis of rotation of the registration device. It is these limitations found in each of the claims, as they are claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for allowance of claims 13-14 is the inclusion of the limitations of a label printer that includes a registration face attached to the print head, wherein the registration face is engageable with the registration roller to maintain dot line registration between the thermal print head and the registration roller; and wherein the registration roller has a groove and the registration face has a notch for engaging the groove in the registration roller. It is these limitations found in each of the claims, as they are claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for allowance of claims 19-23 is the inclusion of the limitations of a label printer that includes a pair of opposing registration faces attached to the print head, the pair of opposing registration faces each having a notch formed therein, wherein each of the registration face notches are engageable with the grooves of the platen roller shaft portions so as to maintain dot line registration by substantially preventing both axial and transverse movement of the print head with respect to the platen roller axis of rotation. It is these limitations found in each of the claims, as they

are claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for allowance of claims 24, 28 & 30 is the inclusion of a method steps printing a label media that includes engaging the registration face with the registration device so as to achieve and maintain dot line registration by substantially preventing the print head from moving both axially and transversely with respect to an axis of rotation of the registration roller. It is this step found in the claim, as it is claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

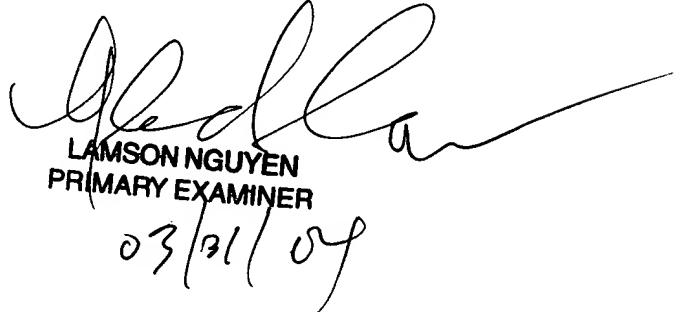
The primary reason for allowance of claims 25-27 & 29 is the inclusion of a method steps printing a label media that includes engaging the registration face with the registration device so as to achieve and maintain dot line registration; wherein the registration face includes a notch an the registration roller is a platen roller having a shaft portion with a groove as part of providing the dot line registration assembly. It is these step found in the claim, as it is claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for allowance of claims 31 is the inclusion of the limitations of a label printer that includes a pair of opposing registration faces attached to the print head, the pair of opposing registration faces each having a notch formed therein, wherein each of the registration face notches are engageable with the grooves of the platen roller shaft portions so as to maintain dot line registration by substantially

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preventing both axial and transverse movement of the print head with respect to the platen roller axis of rotation. It is these limitations found in each of the claims, as they are claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."



LAMSON NGUYEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER
03/31/09

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Communication With The USPTO

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to K. Feggins whose telephone number is 571-272-2254. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Meier can be reached on 571-272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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K. Feggins
March 24, 2004

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